

REMARKS

The drawings were object to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because the double-sided adhesive tape is claimed but not shown in the drawings. Figure 2A is added to show the double-sided adhesive tape 18 as described in the specification in Paragraph [0035]. An entire new set of 5 sheets of drawings are enclosed. Sheet 2 of 5 includes the new Figure 2A. The specification has also been amended to refer to Figure 2A and to provide reference number 18 to the double sided adhesive tape. No new matter has been added.

Claim 13 was amended to put in proper format.

Claims 13 and 16 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Chan (U.S. Patent No. 5,116,273). The rejection of claims 13 and 16 is traversed.

In relation to pending Claim 13, the use of machines operating under CNC control for producing the rigid frame enables a particular size and shape, which may be relatively complex, to be achieved, and hence the sunblind may be readily manufactured with the correct size and shape for a particular window of a particular make and model of a vehicle. The only prior art document cited by the examiner, *Chan*, does not mention the use of machines operating under CNC control for producing a rigid frame. Instead, the frame of *Chan* is simply formed from a strip of material that is deformed into a hoop during manufacture, and has a shape in the finished article that is principally determined by the shape of the panel to which it is attached. *Chan* therefore appears to teach away from the feature that the rigid frame is formed using machines operating under CNC control. Therefore, Claim 13 is believed to be allowable.

In relation to pending Claim 16, the examiner alleges it would have been obvious to temporarily affix the panel (10) of *Chan* to the associated hoop (14) using double-sided adhesive tap, while stitching the sleeve (12) to the panel to permanently secure the panel and the hoop together. However, the method of manufacture described by *Chan* does not mention temporarily affixing the panel to the hoop, while stitching the sleeve to the panel. Instead, the sleeve is stitched at one edge to the perimeter of the panel, the sleeve is folded around the hoop, and the free edge of the sleeve is then sewn to the panel, thereby securing the panel and hoop together (see col. 4, lines 23-62 of *Chan*). Clearly, the method of manufacture of pending Claim 16 would offer significant advantages over the method disclosed by *Chan*, particularly in relation to the preferred embodiment of *Chan* in which the panel is held in tension by the hoop (col. 4, lines 4-7). Furthermore, the sunblind disclosed by *Chan* does not include a panel that extends as far as the hoop (see Figure 2), and hence the configuration

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disclosed by *Chan* is not suitable, without modification, for manufacture by the method of the pending Claim 16. Therefore, claim 16 is believed to be allowable.

The allowance of claims 1-8, 10, 17, 19 and 20 is noted.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places this application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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